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SIR:

Please enter the first Preliminary Amendment filed January 11, 2008 and prior to examination on the merits, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.